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Belvidere Pastor To Langdale



Rev. and Mrs. James Cowlshaw, July 14, 1974, concluding service for them at Belvidere, Tenn., moving to Langdale, Ala. Aug. 1. Gifts: Silver service, electric frying pan, and purse of money.

Homecoming service at Belvidere Church in Tennessee, July 14, 1974, was also a going away service for Pastor James Cowlshaw and his family. They will move to Langdale, Ala., August 1 to become pastor and family there. The afternoon service at Belvidere heard greetings from former pastors, but words of appreciation for the Cowlshaws became the order of the day. The congregation presented gifts (electric frying pan, silver service set, and a purse of money) to the Cowlshaws.

The morning service at Homecoming was a communion service. The choir sang "Holy Manna" by Rogers and Mr. Cowlshaw gave the meditation on "Bread".

Having communed with this fine church, the Cowlshaws left the communion table together, pronounced the benediction from the narthex, and said fond farewell to these people whom they had known and loved for the past five years.

Born in Hartford, Conn., Jim and Genevieve have three children, 15, 12, and 7. For three years he attended Norwich University after which he served as a platoon leader and executive officer in the U. S. Army in the Pacific Theatre.

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Schedule Set For 17-76 Meetings

Rev. Harold Rucker, Area Counselor for the South Central and Southeast Conferences, has set the following meetings:

Sept. 14 — Charleston, S. C., Plymouth Church, 12 noon to 3 p. m. EDT

Sept. 15 — Atlanta, Ga., Central Church, 4:30 to 7:30 p. m. EDT

Sept. 16 — Lanett, Ala., Congregational Church, 7 to 10 p. m. EDT

Sept. 17 — Huntsville, Ala., United Church, 7 to 10 p. m. EDT

Sept. 18 — Sweetwater, Tenn., First Church, 7 to 10 p. m. EDT

Sept. 19 — Nashville, Tenn., Fisk University Campus, 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. CDT

The Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ will be actively campaigning for the 17-76 Achievement Fund this year, May 1974 - April 1975.

The 17-76 Achievement Fund is a major effort on the part of our denomination to provide urgently needed funds for six predominately Black colleges in the South, all related historically to the United Church through the American Missionary Association (AMA); and to help support overseas educational institutions and projects related to the UCC through the Board of World Ministries.

The 1971 General Synod voted to embark on this major fund-raising campaign. The campaign seeks \$13,000,000 as a primary goal, \$17,000,000 as a challenge goal, to be distributed as follows:

75 percent to the AMA colleges

20 percent to educational institutions and projects in more than 20 countries overseas

5 percent to remain in each conference, for minority scholarships

OUR SIX AMA COLLEGES ARE:

Huston-Tillotson	Austin, Texas
LeMoyné-Owen	Memphis, Tennessee
Fisk	Nashville, Tennessee
Tougaloo	Tougaloo, Mississippi
Dillard	New Orleans, Louisiana
Talladega	Talladega, Alabama

Three of these are located in the Southeast Conference. Many of the graduates are active in UCC church affairs in the South.

Mr. Franklin W. Thomas is Conference

Harold H. Wilke To Develop Rehabilitation Program

A new program to aid Vietnam veterans, drug addicts and the physically handicapped through religious agencies in the U. S. and abroad, was launched May 7, 1974, by the New Samaritan Corporation of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Harold Wilke, White Plains, N. Y.

Dr. Wilke, the former executive director of the Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ, is an expert in the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped.

Working with religious groups of all faiths, Dr. Wilke will develop a different type of rehabilitation program in each of three communities in the U. S. A similar program will be established overseas.

In the U. S., one program will aid disabled and disaffected veterans, another will focus on drug addicts and a third will assist the physically handicapped.

In England and Germany Dr. Wilke will set up a model program to serve physically handicapped persons and will continue a pastoral training program that is already underway.

Dr. Wilke will write a manual on the development of rehabilitative programs for religious and secular agencies, based on the outcome of the three U. S. pilot projects. He will also provide technical assistance and administer financial grants to religious groups across the country seeking to create similar programs.

Chair-person for 17-76, a member of Central Congregational UCC in Atlanta, and National Chairperson for the Council for Lay Life and Work. Frank is Director of Personnel for the City of Atlanta, and a graduate of Talladega.

Mr. Roland Kampmeier is Conference Co-chairperson for 17-76, a member of Pilgrim UCC in Chattanooga, and currently enjoys the "retired" status, having served many years as an engineer for TVA. He has presently an active consultant-engineer business on an international scale.

Rev. Harold L. Rucker, Area Counselor
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NEWS NOTES

The Crossville Congregational Church in Tennessee moved into their new sanctuary June 16, 1974. A fire several years ago nearly destroyed the previous building. William R. Winterbottom is the pastor.

WOODY CLARK, Rt. 6, Andalusia, Ala., 36420, is serving as "Lay Minister" at Andalusia, First Church.

David L. Beebe, Harold N. Auler Jr., Mrs. Lynda Glenn, and Warren Blankenhorn represented Southeast Conference at the Evangelism Conference, Deering, N. H., July 21-26, 1974.

Dr. Frank McCook is planning to conduct a tour of the Holy Land Nov. 29 - Dec. 8, 1974. This has been planned especially for those who have been studying in the Lay Ministry program, but it is open to anyone wishing to go along on the tour. The cost is \$799 from Atlanta. This price includes air fares, hotels, three meals per day, entrance fee and other fees normally included. Places to be visited include Beer Sheba, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Kibbutz Yifaat. If interested, write: Dr. Frank McCook, LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga. 30204.

Jaci Chetelat, a student at Earlham College and a former officer of Southeast Conference Youth, is church secretary and youth leader in Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, until she returns to Earlham this fall.

The Pulpit Committee of Pilgrim Church, chaired by Wallace Boothby, moderator of Southeast Conference, met 12 times by July 1, 1974. The committee is taking a serious look at the kind of minister for whom they search and they are trying to understand the needs of Pilgrim Church.

The Franklin Thomas family and the Ed Brown family of Atlanta attended the Conference on Church and Non-Violence at Deering, N. H., July 7-12, 1974.

Cullman, Ala., St. John's

George Fidler, pastor, recently had a week at Duke University, Durham, N. C., in a refresher course of Continuing Education for Ministers.

St. John's Church sent toothpaste and shampoo to the children at Brooklawn, Inc., in Missouri.

The Teen Choir of St. John's Church took a trip to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., in July.

The Bible School gave the offering of \$40 to our Epileptic Hospital in Marthasville, Mo.

Stephen C. Gray To Brookmeade

Rev. Stephen C. Gray, who has served as interim pastor at Langdale C. C. Church since May 1, will become the pastor of Nashville, Brookmeade Church August 1, 1974.

Born in Providence, R. I., Steve is the only son of James C. and Grace A. Gray, who live in Holden, Mass.

Steve graduated from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., enrolling at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C., graduating magna cum laude in May of 1972. Fulfilling his military obligation at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga., he served as CO for Student Officer Basic Class, Southeastern Signal School as First Lt.

He served as housemaster for 170 freshmen men at Duke, 1970-72. During the summer of 1970 he was recreation director and minister of youth for a Methodist church in Spring Hope, N. C. During the summer of 1971 he was co-director of the Agape Inn Coffee House, Carolina Beach, N. C.

On May 25, Steve was married to Miss Lennie Diane Clark a registered R. N. They will live in the parsonage at Nashville.

Chattanooga To Have African Student

A ticket from Accra (in Ghana, W. Africa) to Chattanooga has been dispatched to Edmond Owirodu, who arrives about the middle of August to study medicine.

He writes: "I'm supposed to do pre-medical course for four years, with a major in biology. After this, as additional medical course and another five years to specialize in plastic surgery — the profession I'm most interested in.

"In Ghana, there are no plastic surgeons and I wonder if there is an African with major in this field. Should I be able to go through this course, then I may be the first African to be in this field. It's therefore my belief to devote the next 15 years of my life to achieving my aim, and I hope God will be by my side. I'm sure I shall have a lot of friends among church members, students of UTC and people of the city. This will let me enjoy my stay there and encourage me to work hard."

Sincerely,
Edmond A. Owirodu

Associations Meet This Fall

- Sept. 28 — Ala.-Tenn., St. John's Church, Cullman, Ala., 10:00 A. M.
Oct. 5 — North Ala., Jones' Chapel, Moulton, Ala., 9:30 A. M.
Oct. 16 — East Ala., Lowell Church, Roanoke, Ala., 10:00 A. M.
Oct. 17 — East Ala., Pleasant Grove Church, Roanoke, Ala., 10:00 A. M.
Oct. 19 — South Ala.-N. W. Fla., Good Hope Church, Baker, Fla., 10:00 A. M.
Oct. 20 — Central Ala., Seman Church, Seman, Ala., 11:00 A. M.
Oct. 26 — Ga.-S. C., Bonanza Church, Jonesboro, Ga., 9:30 A. M., closing with worship on Oct. 27

See Life In Its Totality

For many of you vacation time has come and now is past. If you were able to go somewhere, you discovered upon returning that the tug of home, no matter how far you traveled, is always the strongest. As you have returned home, I hope and pray that you will have a new resolve to make your home a place where Christ is ever welcome and loved, and that your family life will evidence the awareness of His living presence.

The thought of going back to work with a lot of people is synonymous with drudgery, monotony and emptiness. However, work is something we cannot escape. In the Bible the word "Work" is used more than a thousand times, second only to the word "love." The writer of Ecclesiastes says this: "My heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil". A lot depends on how we look at the work we do. Everyone of us contributes in one way or another to our total living. The fabric you help create, the figures another one feeds into a computer, or the letter the secretary writes, all are necessary and vital components of the complexity of life and living today.

—Harold N. Auler Jr., Pastor
Lanett C. C. Church

BELVIDERE PASTOR . . .

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Following his military service and some experience in the insurance field, Jim worked for United Aircraft Corporation where he rose to serve as a Supervisor for Technical Publications. Resigning from United Aircraft in 1966, Mr. Cowlshaw entered Bangor Theological Seminary and pastored two churches in Little Deer Isle, Maine. In 1967 he was ordained.

While serving as pastor of Belvidere, Mr. Cowlshaw was part-time Area Minister for the Alabama-Tennessee Association of the Southeast Conference.

Ga.-S. C. Association Plans



Ga.-S. C. Association Planning Conference, May 10-11, 1974, Rock Eagle Camp, Eatonton, Ga.

Local church consultants in Georgia and South Carolina met with Association leaders in a planning conference May 10, 11, 1974, at Rock Eagle Center, Eatonton, Ga. The process enabled the group to prepare Association goals and objectives, which will be refined by the Association meeting at Bonanza Church, Jonesboro, Ga., Oct. 26, 27, 1974.

The following directional goals were selected out of the many suggested:

1. Strengthen Christian commitment and living; increase membership.
2. Develop vibrant local churches which are involved in setting and achieving local church, Association and conference goals.
3. Stimulate local churches to relate to the world about them and become more community-serving.
4. Promote U. C. C. Identity Program.

The following objectives, which would be relevant to the directional goals for the Association were:

I. By October, 1975, the Ga.-S. C. Association will have:

1. Provided an initial Faith Exploration in 10 churches.
2. Used local church consultants in strengthening the local church program in 5 churches.
3. Offered to assist each local church in the Identity Program.

II. By Association meeting in Oct. 1975 we will have increased by 10 percent the number of churches who send two or more delegates to Association meeting.

III. By Association meeting 1975, a team will have visited these 10 percent churches that have begun to attend.

IV. By Association meeting 1975 the newly involved churches will have had fellowship occasion with another active church.

Robert W. Gadsden Honored



ROBERT W. GADSDEN

First United Church of Christ, Savannah, Georgia (Congregational) honored its oldest and most distinguished member, Mr. Robert W. Gadsden, in observance of his 100th birthday on Sunday, May 5, at 11:15 a. m.

The occasion was Communion Sunday and members of the church invited friends of Mr. Gadsden to join the church in paying tribute to him on that day. Following the service a reception was held in the annex so that friends could greet Mr. Gadsden.

Mr. Gadsden, who joined the First Congregational Church in 1902, has served in every office except treasurer and trustee. He still serves on several committees and is deacon emeritus.

The honored member, an educator and civic leader in the community, retired in 1947 after serving 43 years as principal in the local public school system. He has served as a member of the Savannah Urban League, Mayor's Advisory Committee under Mayor Kennedy, Board of Directors of Greenbrier, chairman of the Advance Committee of Boy Scouts of America, chairman of the Savannah Chapter of the Inter-racial Committee, and many other organizations.

Mr. Gadsden has been quoted as stating that religion is an integral part of his life and the First Congregational Church, aside from his family, holds a greater place in his life than other interests. He has further stated that he feels a commitment and sincere dedication to his church, and is enriched by the church's history, which he helped to make and wrote a careful record of in 1969, when the church celebrated its 100th anniversary.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

- Aug. 3-11 — Ga.-S. C. Camp, Dorchester Center, Midway, Ga.
- Aug. 4-10 — Ga. - S. C. Junior High Camp, Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, Ga.
- Aug. 20 — 17-76 Executive Committee, Atlanta Airport, 4:00 P. M.
- Aug. 23-25 — So. Ala. Area Youth Conference, Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala.
- Sept. 3-5 — Program Planning with Instrumentality Staff, Berry College, Rome, Ga.
- Sept. 13-14 — Southern Ala. Area Council Planning Conference, Montgomery
- Sept. 14-19 — Information Dinners (listed elsewhere), 17-76 Fund
- Sept. 20-21 — Ga.-S. C. Executive Council with Committees, 1st Church, Atlanta
- Sept. 20-21 — Uplands Board of Directors, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
- Sept. 22-23 — Southeast Conference, Board of Directors, Savannah, Ga.
- Sept. — Prepare for World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering on Oct. 6, 1974
- Sept. and Oct. — Association Meetings (listed elsewhere)

The Desk Calendar and Plan Book 1974-75 of the United Church of Christ has been designed to reflect our common joy. There is ample space to note events in your life and in the life of your congregation. There are suggested programs and resources to enable you to be about the whole ministry to which God in Christ calls us.

- Oct. 6 — Neighbors in Need Offering
- Oct. 13 — Laity Sunday. Suggestions for observance in second packet of Laity Resources, or free, from Central Distribution Service.
- Nov. — American Indian Sunday Offering. For information about responsible ways in which this money is used write for free subscription to CAIM News (Council for American Indian Ministry), 202½ N. 3rd St., Bismarck, N. D. 58501.
- Fall — Family Thank Offering Dedication Service — suggestions in With Heart - with Mind in Laity Resources and Stewardship Packet.

Artis Johnson Speaks To Graduating Class

Rev. Artis Johnson, pastor of Bethany Congregational United Church of Christ and a faculty member of Harper Elementary School in Thomasville, Georgia, told Birdwood Junior College graduating sophomores at commencement exercises on June 7, 1974, "This graduation will be the foundation to your success or failure . . . from these variables of life and eternal life, anybody can become somebody with God as Maker and Creator of this universe."

LAY PERSONS NEEDED — LAY PERSONS RESPOND

The United Church Board for World Ministries is looking for lay people to work for three-five years: a farmer to teach at Jaffna College Technical Institute, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon); a math teacher in Turkey; a director of an ecumenical lay training center in Ghana.

It is also looking for volunteers who can pay their travel and living expenses (except for housing). These include: an anesthetist, Turkey, 3 months, beginning September 1; well-driller in Honduras for 2 months — as soon as possible; a plumber in Turkey for up to three months; a Spanish-speaking urban-planning engineer in Honduras for 2-3 months; secretary in Honduras for 6 months; an electrician in Turkey.

If interested in these or similar opportunities write: Rev. Neill Richards, Overseas Personnel Office, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027 (Phone: Area 212 870-2712).

Painless Stewardship

The treasurer of a Midwest church resigned. The church board asked another man to take the position, a man who managed the local grain elevator. After careful consideration he accepted the appointment under two considerations:

1. That no report from the treasurer be required for a full year.
2. That nobody ask him any questions about parish finances during the year. Members of the church board gulped, but finally agreed, after all he was a trusted member of the community and well known, because most of them did business at his elevator.

At the end of the year he gave his report at the annual meeting: the \$25,000 indebtedness on the church was paid, the staff salaries had been increased; the mission quota was paid 200 percent; there were no outstanding bills; and there was a cash balance of \$12,500.

The people were stunned! But, finally, someone got the nerve to rise and ask, "How come?" Quietly he answered: "Well, most of you bring your grain to my elevator. As you did so, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You have not missed it, and you have been tithing for a whole year. See how easy it is!"

Materials To Use

LAITY RESOURCES for 1974-75 — 2 packets for \$5.00 — program material for adults for year. Both packets available now. Send money with order to Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177.

WE . . . STRANGERS NO LONGER — worship-program book for use by men's and-or women's groups. Some organizations purchase a copy for each member so all can participate. 75c each from CDS (address above).

WHOLE EARTH NEWSLETTER — published quarterly for those especially interested in our world mission program. Write: United Church Bd. for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027 for free copy.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 99 BEDS is an interesting and amusing account by Dottie Miller of the trip she and her husband (Dr. Allen Miller of Eden Theological Seminary) took around the world, visiting many of our missions. Thelma Zimmerman in CIRCUITY, the Illinois South Conference paper, says of the book "It tells more about ecumenical thrust in mission than all the textbook kind of things I have read over the years." \$3.75 from Eden Publishing House, 1724 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63103.

MORALITY USA, packet containing 6 adventures in Faith and one Experience in Faith has been sent free to each pastor. Check on its use in your church!

Extra packets are available from Central Distribution Service for \$1.25 each.

FROM SIGNAL HILL

A new audio-visual is available from the conference office which is worthy of your attention. **From Signal Hill** is one of the latest series of personal reports, and it tells the story of the literacy program, originated in the Philippines by Dr. Frank C. Laubach, and now being administered by Dansalan College. Here is a dramatic report of some of the work that is being conducted by Our Christian World Mission.

The filmstrip is available from the conference office, or it can be purchased from the office of Audio-Visuals for \$5.00.

In the Gospels, where you see sickness, poverty, ostracism, or grief, you find Jesus there, doing something to cure it. Like their Lord, Christians take to themselves the hurt of others. "Weep with those who weep," Paul writes in Romans. Better yet, put your money and work into healing, liberating, reconciling and in providing justice, peace, and hope to the hurt.

UCC Membership

The rate of decline in membership of the United Church of Christ has slowed for the first time since 1968, according to statistics released in the denomination's Yearbook.

Current membership in the denomination is 1,867,810, according to Yearbook editor and secretary of the church, the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Evans. This is a 1.4 percent drop from 1,895,016 shown in the 1973 Yearbook (Yearbook figures are for the previous year.)

The loss of 27,206 members during 1973 showed a slower rate of loss than the 1.7 percent decline of 33,658 members in 1972.

While the United Church of Christ may have fewer members, they are contributing more money to their church. Support for missions of the United Church climbed from \$14.52 per member in 1972 to \$15.12 per member in 1973. Support for local churches went from \$101.89 per member in 1972 to \$105.39 in 1973.

Total support for missions was \$20,979,962 in 1972 and \$21,208,658 in 1973. Total support for local church expenses was \$193,079,092 in 1972 and \$195,845,805 in 1973.

The total financial support for the conferences or regional organizations climbed from \$7,665,712 in 1972 to \$7,900,520 in 1973. But support sent on to the national and international program agencies of the church declined from \$8,793,893 in 1972 to \$8,779,047 in 1973.

There are 6,617 United Church of Christ congregations currently, compared with 6,635 congregations listed in the 1973 Yearbook.

There are 9,464 ordained clergy now, compared with 9,480 listed in the 1973 Yearbook. The Yearbook lists 4,992 of the ordained United Church of Christ ministers as currently serving as pastors of churches, while 2,790 are in some other form of ministry and 1,682 are retired.

"Watergate was possible because too few people had too much power, too much money, too much secrecy, and too little accountability. But this is not a time for cynicism and despair. It is simply another reminder that only God, because of his inherent goodness, can be trusted with absolute power."

—United Methodist Bishop
Roy C. Nichols

Are there any causes in which you are not only interested but for which you feel responsible? And are you growing in your sense of relationship to others, or are you aroused only by a specific emergency? Is it only a tie which is easily broken and quickly forgotten? Or, do you care enough to feel continuing responsibility?

OCWM GIFTS

OCWM gifts do more than you may realize to show God's love and to change lives in the United States and in many countries around the world. For example, through your gifts for OCWM:

— The gospel of Christ is shared with people and they are invited to become part of the church.

— Small children are cared for and educated.

— Young people are provided with scholarships and are furnished with knowledgeable teachers and understanding counselors.

— Sick persons receive medical attention and are shown ways to promote health and to prevent illness.

— Victims of injustice and poverty are assisted to solve the problems they face.

— Congregations are helped to secure pastoral leadership.

— Local church groups and conference committees are provided with conference and national staff members who furnish professional help and develop useful resources.

— Lay leaders and pastors are enabled to develop their leadership skills and to improve the programs of their congregations.

The money you give for OCWM is one way of responding to God's love. It "is not only a contribution toward the needs of God's people; more than that, it overflows in a flood of thanksgiving to God." (II Corinthians 9:12) It is, in fact, a way of rejoicing.

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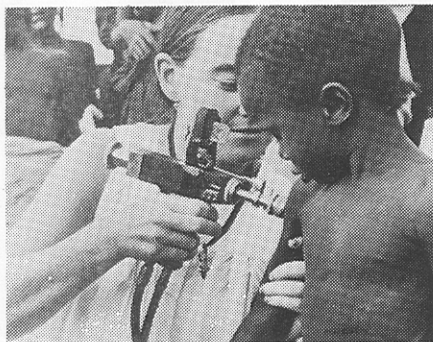
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Spotlight: Mobile Medical Team In Sahel



Nurse Susan Colgate in the Sahel

Above picture shows nurse Susan Colgate in the Sahel, where an American nurse, a French doctor, a Canadian nutritionist, and an American parasitologist are among persons who have served for the past ten months on an international, interdenominational mobile medical team in the Sahel. The Sahel is a six-country disaster area caused by an extended drought along the southern edge of the Sahara Desert in W. Africa. Most persons on the team serve on short-term contracts, so membership fluctuates.

This medical team, sponsored by the World Council of Churches, provides the only medical service for more than 20,000 Tureg tribesmen in northern Niger. Completely nomadic people, the Turegs are completely dependent upon their herds of camels, goats, and cattle. Now, after six years of severe drought, most of the cattle and goats are gone and only a few camels remain. The Niger government will help from such groups as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, United States Agency for International Development, and the French government and has established a number of food distribution centers. And there, in these centers on the edge of the desert, in a parched and dusty land, the Turegs now exist.

Nurse Susan Colgate, an American Episcopalian, describes how, in the area around Agades, the mobile medical team visits ten centers regularly for three to seven days at a time. There are seven kinds of work in which the medical team engages: (1) curative medicine, especially the treating of diarrhea, dehydration, communicable diseases, and parasites; (2) identification and referral of severe cases to the Agades Hospital; (3) nutrition, especially distribution of high protein food to young pre-school children and vitamins to persons with deficiencies;

GA.-S. C. ASSOCIATION . . .

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V. By October 1975 we will have stimulated each UCC church not now doing so, to have considered and made active at least one needed and significant community project.

VI. By Oct. 1975 we will have made all churches aware of the need to increase local church membership. Hopefully, we will have a 10 percent increase in local church membership in 10 churches in number of youth, young adults, and young families (14-39 years of age).

VII. By Association 1975, we will have involved youth in initiating a plan to enlist, include and involve high school youth in the decision-making processes and the program of the Association.

VIII. By fall 1974 we will have approved and offered our whole-hearted support to the conference in the raising of the 17-76 Achievement Fund (primary goal is \$70,461 — challenge goal is \$89,455). By spring 1975 we will have completed contacting our individual churches to recommend that they secure pledges.

The goals and objectives were assigned to the committees for implementation.

(4) health education, the teaching of mothers about food preparation and sanitation; (5) vaccination, especially for smallpox, measles, and TB; (6) epidemiological study, discovering diseases which were hitherto unknown in this area; and (7) investigation of traditional health practices, nutrition, sanitation, medicine, and water management so the practices can be utilized.

Because of drought, famine and congested living conditions in food distribution centers, there have been disastrous epidemics of measles. Miss Colgate reports that last July nearly half of all Turegs came down with measles. On each visit to one of the distribution centers the team discovered that death from the disease affected half the families!

Gradually, certain health problems are being solved. However, the future still looks bleak for the Tureg people. It is doubtful that they will ever again be able to go back to their nomadic herding way of life. The land itself is permanently scarred by drought. Church World Service, through which we in United Church of Christ channel our aid, looks forward to introducing middle-range agricultural solutions to the basic problem. CWS and WCC programs, however, reach only a few of the people of Niger, and the Sahel stretches across six nations, a distance of almost from San Francisco to New York! What we are accomplishing is establishing models which show that something can be done. Thus far, in the first two months of 1974, the United Church Board for World Ministries has sent \$15,000 to support the work of this medical team in Niger.

SAVE COUPONS, STAMPS FOR ELON HOME

The Elon Home for Children at Elon College, N. C., is seeking trading stamps and coupons, which will be redeemed for cash to purchase a passenger van. Any type of trading stamps available in your area can be used. The van will enable houseparents to take the boys and girls to church, recreational activities, etc. Betty Crocker coupons are still used to secure dishes, silverware, etc. Dr. W. W. Snyder, Box 157, Elon College, N. C. 27244, is the executive director.

SCHEDULE SET . . .

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for 17-76 in both South Central and Southeast Conferences, spent most of his professional life in the South, including Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina. He has served Garden Villas Community UCC in Houston and The United Church of Christ of Biloxi, Mississippi, as pastor. He also served as state field director in Mississippi with the Community Relations Service, U. S. Dep. of Justice.

The heart and soul of the 17-76 Achievement Fund is the local church participating by having a 17-76 campaign in the local church. Basic to the design of the campaign is the SHARE PLAN, whereby individuals pledge in "share units" — one share is \$5 per month for 3 years, or \$180. Some may give multiple shares, such as five shares, or \$25 per month for 3 years, or \$900. In Southeast Conference we seek gifts totaling \$70,461.00. A loving, generous response will enable us to reach our share of the goal.

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER AT UPLANDS

Jaako Mikkola from Oulu, Finland, a city of 100,000, and 600 kilometers north of Helsinki, recently arrived in Pleasant Hill, Tenn., to serve as a volunteer worker at Uplands Retirement Center. He is preparing for a career in nursing. The nursing course at Oulu, to which he will return next August, is a 2½ year course.

Jaake speaks English well. He heard over the radio about the exchange student program and decided to come to America. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, as 90 percent of the people in Finland are. He belongs to the Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Joyce Myers Teaches At Inanda



Reverend Joyce Myers, a teacher at the Theological Seminary, pictured here with her goddaughter, also named Joyce (after her).

Rev. Joyce Myers, a teacher at Inanda Seminary, is pictured with her god-daughter, named after her.

Joyce is a graduate of Elon College, Elon College, N. C., and was known to the Andes when she was in college.

Joyce teaches six courses — three in Christian Education, one in Exegesis (New Testament), one in Homiletics and one in English—besides serving as treasurer and field work supervisor. In addition, she has two weekly classes in Christian Faith and Life for nursing students at Dondi Hospital, and is invited frequently to preach or teach in local churches and institutions. In one six-week period, she preached 21 times!

She writes: "Since writing, word has come of the Revolution in Portugal — no doubt many of you are thinking of us. My African and missionary colleagues and I are very happy and very hopeful as the first signs of democracy in 48 years comes. Let us pray that negotiations will follow and independence will come to Angola without more bloodshed!"

ATTENTION: 17-76 GOAL SEEKERS

Featured on the cover of TIME magazine, June 17, are Talladega College graduates J. Mason and June Fox Davis (class of '56 and '57, respectively). Mr. Davis is a lawyer and civic leader and Ms. Davis is a psychologist in the city schools. They are members of First United Church of Christ, Birmingham, Ala.

Fisk University, in a first, chose graduating senior Valentino Lassiter to preach a baccalaureate sermon. He is a student in care of Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference and will enter seminary in the fall.

Talladega and Fisk are both related to the American Missionary Association (AMA) and are beneficiaries of the current 17-76 Achievement Fund campaign.

Did you know that eighty percent of all black people in the U. S. who hold baccalaureate degrees earned them at predominantly black colleges — colleges like those which we are supporting through the 17-76 Achievement Fund? It's true. And these six colleges — Dillard, Fisk, Huston-Tillotson, Le Moyne-Owen, Talladega, Tougaloo — like many other black institutions of higher learning in the U. S. A. are suffering what one commentator has called "dire financial need."

In 1968, for example, Le Moyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tenn., was told by the Southern Association of Colleges that it must quickly increase the number of its faculty who hold Ph.D. degrees, upgrade its library, its buildings, and its resources, or risk losing accreditation. The resultant crash program has left the college with depleted reserves and in a desperate financial situation. "We had to catch up ten years of maintenance on our buildings alone," notes President Odell Horton. The situation at the other six colleges is equally urgent. Be generous when the 17-76 Achievement Fund solicits gifts in your conference. You'll have an important part in supporting black people as they educate themselves for competency in meeting the needs of today's world.

"In the last 3,000 years mankind has fought 3,300 wars. The trained mind has provided the instruments that are capable of destroying the human family. Yet the organized church has done virtually nothing toward creating a world in which mankind can live without war. The church has prayed for peace while the preacher and his members have left it to God to end wars."

—Dr. Benjamin E. Mays,
Educator and Author,
Atlanta, Ga.